



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Rain Needed For Winter Wheat Seeding

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 24, 2010**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	68	58	16	45
Peanuts Dug	73	64	33	61
Peanuts Harvested	56	45	23	49
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	95	93	81	93
Soybeans Harvested	67	53	30	52
Winter Wheat Planted	27	19	N/A	N/A
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Cotton	10	25	39	25	1
Peanuts	13	28	46	11	2
Soybeans	9	28	46	17	0
Winter Wheat	3	24	63	10	0
Livestock	3	17	51	28	1
Pasture & Range	32	44	23	1	0

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.7	60	36	4	0
District 20	7.0	74	11	15	0
District 30	7.0	76	24	0	0
District 40	6.5	74	26	0	0
District 50	6.9	43	52	5	0
District 60	7.0	45	42	13	0
State: Current Week	6.8	61	32	7	0
State: Previous Week	6.8	61	33	6	0

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Extreme drought was identified in Geneva and parts of Houston Counties last week, as conditions worsened for the state. Karin Knowles, Acting Executive Director for Escambia County stated the county was short on rain, and no rain was in sight. The soil was too hard to prepare for planting fall crops or to do anything at this point. The US Drought Monitor released October 21 portrayed to state to be 100 percent abnormally dry, 96.7 moderately dry, 43.7 severely dry, and 12.0 extremely dry, compared to 40.8 percent free from drought 3 months ago, and 100 percent a year ago. Daytime highs ranged from

80 degrees in Sand Mountain and Bridgeport to 88 degrees in Brewton. Overnight lows ranged from 35 degrees in Hamilton to 52 degrees in Bay Minette and Headland. The largest amount of precipitation occurred at the Belle Mina weather station with 0.21 tenths of an inch over a period of 1 day.

Small Grains: Gregory Key, Executive Director for St. Clair County reported wheat for winter grazing was not seeded because there was not any topsoil moisture to germinate the seed. Alfred Jackson, Extension Agent at Tuskegee University mentioned winter wheat that has already been seeded and has not germinated due to lack of rain.

Fruits/Vegetables: William East, Regional Extension Agent in East Alabama reported the drought has been the biggest problem for horticulture. Farmers trying to seed rye and clover are unable to plant without any rain.

Cotton/Corn/Soybeans: Tim Malone, Executive Director for Lauderdale County noted the dry weather has been good for fall harvest. Reported yields on harvested soybeans were disappointing, however cotton harvest was about finished in North Alabama with most yields looking good. Kevan Tucker, County Extension Coordinator for Clarke County stated extremely dry conditions persist in his area. Bobby Beasley, Executive Director for Henry County mentioned it remained dry in the county last week.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Donald Mann, Executive Director for Jackson County stated that with some rainfall, pastures should begin to recover and help reduce the amount of hay to be fed. There will be some pastures that will have to be replanted because of the drought. Jack Tatum, Regional Extension Agent in Shelby County reported pastures were in poor condition. They were too dry to seed winter grazing and his area has been feeding hay since mid-August. Brenda Glover, Regional Extension Agent in Hale County mentioned her region still has not received any rain. It was getting to a critical stage for planting winter grazing. Producers are not willing to plant with no rain in sight. Mr. Jackson noted pastures needed a good healthy dose of rain in order to lessen the need to feed livestock. Karen McDonald, Executive Director for Monroe County reported that the county continues to suffer from drought throughout the county. Pastures and livestock were in extreme need of rainfall.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for the Period: Monday October 18, 2010 To Sunday October 24, 2010

Weather Station	Air Temperatures				Precipitation			Precipitation since Jan 1			Avg. 4"	GDD Base 50		GDD Base 60	
	High	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	% Normal	Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Total	DFN
District 10 Northwest Alabama - Tennessee Valley 46% of Corn Ac., 45% of Soybean Ac.															
Muscle Shoals	84	40	64	6	0.03	-0.66	1	32.51	-10.31	76		102	35	33	15
Russellville	84	40	63	8	0.00	-0.70	0	29.77	-15.30	66		100	50	30	20
Belle Mina	84	36	61	4	0.21	-0.49	1	33.66	-10.02	77	64	84	24	18	3
Huntsville Ag	83	42	64	5	0.09	-0.61	1	32.17	-13.49	70		100	32	30	12
Hamilton	86	35	61	4	0.02	-0.69	1	44.79	-3.08	94		80	26	13	3
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 18% of Corn Ac., 21% of Soybean Ac.															
Anniston AP	83	39	64	4	0.03	-0.56	1	32.85	-10.85	75		98	23	30	9
Cullman Ag	84	43	64	7	0.19	-0.51	1	45.35	-2.66	94	65	99	39	30	15
Sand Mountain	80	38	62	5	0.00	-0.63	0	30.98	-14.14	69	65	85	30	18	6
Gadsden AP	82	37	61	3	0.00	-0.63	0	28.40	-16.63	63		78	13	14	-2
Bridgeport	80	38	59	4	0.15	-0.64	1	38.47	-9.40	80		72	20	10	0
Guntersville	82	39	61	1	0.12	-0.51	1	39.50	-3.95	91		81	6	13	-9
District 30 North Central Alabama - 7% of Corn Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac.															
Thorsby	83	44	66	5	0.00	-0.61	0	34.42	-11.72	75	67	118	41	48	25
Talladega	83	37	60	2	0.00	-0.63	0	37.37	-8.90	81		78	10	10	-7
Birmingham AP	85	45	67	7	0.00	-0.59	0	37.93	-6.51	85		120	44	50	27
Alabaster	83	45	65	5	0.03	-0.53	1	40.48	-6.50	86		110	33	40	17
Pinson	84	39	64	6	0.12	-0.49	1	42.91	-3.14	93		97	37	27	12
Opelika Wtr Plt	83	37	63	3	0.06	-0.62	1	38.16	-9.11	81		95	17	25	2
Alexander City	85	39	63	3	0.01	-0.69	1	32.98	-14.29	70		94	20	24	3
Tuscaloosa AP	86	42	66	4	0.07	-0.62	1	33.87	-11.02	75		110	26	40	13
Jasper	84	37	61	4	0.00	-0.77	0	48.93	2.13	105		83	27	15	3
District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 7% of Corn Ac., 9% of Soybean Ac.															
Union Springs	85	44	66	4	0.00	-0.56	0	28.03	-17.40	62		113	26	43	15
Marion Junction	85	44	65	4	0.00	-0.63	0	32.09	-12.01	73	75	110	30	40	16
Montgomery AP	85	44	66	3	0.00	-0.49	0	31.85	-11.72	73		116	20	46	12
Livingston	85	43	65	4	0.13	-0.71	1	45.29	-0.88	98		104	25	34	11
District 50 SW Alabama - Coastal Plain 7% of Corn Ac., 10% of Soybean Ac.															
Bay Minette	86	52	69	3	0.00	-0.63	0	51.10	-4.47	92		139	21	69	17
Brewton AG	88	43	66	5	0.00	-0.68	0	46.34	-7.48	86	82	121	32	51	23
Thomasville	86	49	69	6	0.00	-0.62	0	34.48	-12.91	73		133	42	63	33
Mobile Bates	85	49	69	3	0.00	-0.56	0	48.67	-5.26	90		137	20	67	17
District 60 SE Alabama - Wiregrass 15% of Corn Ac., 8% of Soybean Ac.															
Eufaula Wildlife	84	44	66	4	0.00	-0.49	0	51.60	9.17	122		114	28	44	18
Troy Municipal	84	42	64	1	0.00	-0.55	0	39.52	-3.81	91		103	8	33	1
Highland Home	84	43	65	2	0.00	-0.53	0	41.17	-5.03	89		113	20	43	12
Geneva Ag	85	38	63	-3	0.00	-0.63	0	39.30	-8.80	82	78	98	-6	28	-11
Headland	85	52	70	7	0.00	-0.59	0	35.56	-11.28	76	77	151	52	81	46
Dothan	85	47	68	3	0.00	-0.56	0	37.59	-8.13	82		129	23	59	18

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more. Air and Soil Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. PCT of Norm: Cumulative Rainfall since January 1 as a percent of normal (using 1961-90 normals period), 2008. Weather data prepared By AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.

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